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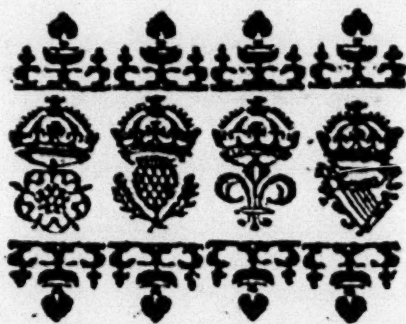
THE COMMONS

IN

Parliament:

MADE

September the 9th 1641.



LONDON:

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the Kings most Excellent Majestie: And by
the Assignes of JOHN BILL.

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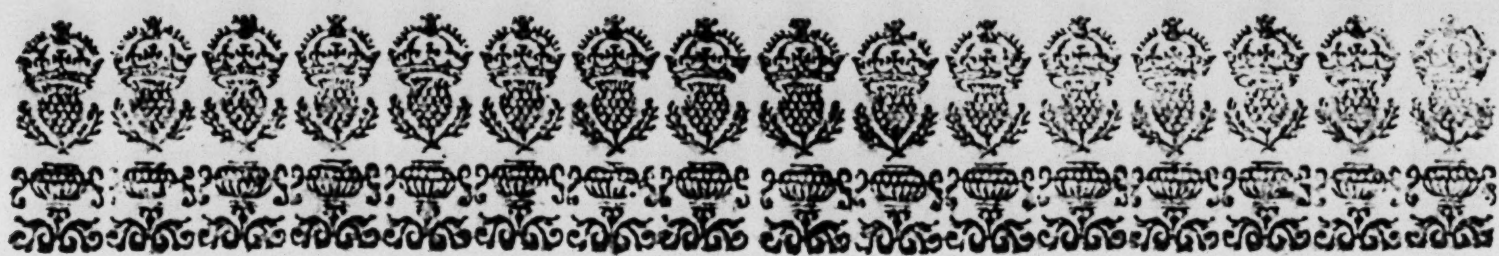
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A Declaration of the Commons in Parliament made Septemb. the 9. 1641.

THe Knights, Citizens, and Burgesles of the Commons House having received many great complaints from the severall parts of this Kingdom, of heavy grievances upon divers of His Majesties Subjects, by the excessive pressing of some matters concerning Religion, which are in their own nature indifferent, by pretext or colour of the Lawes now in force, and by the unlawfull enforcing other things without any colour of Law; and considering that a full Reformation cannot be made in this streight of time, did for the comfort and ease of the people frame an Order in manner following:

¶ Die Mercurii 8^o Septemb. 1641.

Whereas divers Innovations in or about the worship of God, have been lately practised in this Kingdom, by injoyning some things, and prohibiting others, without Warrant of Law,

to the great grievance and discontent of his Majesties Subjects; For the suppression of such Innovations, and for preservation of the publike Peace; It is this day Ordered by the Commons in Parliament assembled, That the Church-Wardens of every Parish-Church and Chappell respectively, do forthwith remove the Communion Table from the East end of the Church, Chappell, or Chancell, into some other convenient place, and that they take away the Railes, and levell the Chancels, as heretofore they were, before the late Innovations.

That all Crucifixes, scandalous Pictures of any one or more persons of the Trinitie, and all Images of the Virgin Mary shall be taken away and abolisht, and that all Tapers, Candlesticks, and Basins, be removed from the Communion Table.

That all corporall Bowing at the name (J E S U S) or towards the East end of the Church, Chappell, or Chancell, or towards the Communion Table be henceforth forbidden:

That the Orders aforesaid be observed in all the severall Cathedrall Churches of
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this Kingdom, and all the Collegiate Churches or Chappels in the two Universities, or any other part of the Kingdom, and in the Temple-Church, and the Chappels of the other Innnes of Court, by the Deans of the said Cathedral Churches, by the Vice-Chancellour of the said Universities, and by the Heads and Governours of the severall Colledges and Halls aforesaid, and by the Benchers and Readers in the said Innnes of Court respectively.

That the Lords day shall be duly observed and sanctified: All dancing, or other Sports, either before or after Divine Service be forborn and restrained; and that the preaching of Gods Word be permitted in the afternoon in the severall Churches and Chappels of this kingdom, and that Ministers and Preachers be encouraged thereunto.

That the Vice-Chancellors of the Universities, Heads and Governours of Colledges, all Parsons, Vicars, Church Wardens, do make Certificates of the performance of these Orders: and if the same shall not be observed in any of the places aforesaid mentioned, upon complaint thereof made

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to the next Justices of Peace, Mayor,
or head Officers of Cities or Towns Cor-
porate, It is Ordered that the said Justices,
Mayor, or other head Officer respec-
tively, shall examine the truth of all such
complaints, and certifie by whose default
the same are committed; All which Certifi-
cates are to be delivered in Parliament be-
fore the thirtieth of October next.

And did upon the eighth of September in a Con-
ference with the Lords, desire their Lordships
to consent unto it, and to joyn with them in the pub-
lishing thereof, whereunto they never received an-
swer, but contrary to their expectation upon this pre-
sent ninth of September, being the day intended for
the Recesse of both Houses, they received in a Confe-
rence from their Lordships an Order dated January
the sixteenth, 1640. In these words:

¶ Die Sabbati 16. Januarii. 1640.

It is this day Ordered by the Lords
Spirituell and Temporall in the
High Court of Parliament assem-
bled, That the Divine Service be
performed as it is appointed by the Acts of
Parliament of this Realm: And that all
such as shall disturbe that wholsom Order,
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shall be severely punished according to the Law: And the Parsons, Vicars, and Curates in the severall Parishes, shall forbear to introduce any Rites or Ceremonies that may give offence, otherwise then those which are established by the Laws of the Land.

And one other of this present ninth of September: In these words:

Resolved upon the Question this ninth of
September, 1641.

That the abovesaid Order shall be Printed and Published.

Desiring that the Commons would joyn with them in publishing thereof, which being presented to the House of Commons, it was thought unreasonable at this time to urge the severe execution of the said Laws; whereupon it was voted, that they do not consent to those Orders, or either of them.

And they have thought fit to make this Declaration, that it may be understood that the last Order of the Lords was made with the consent onely of eleven Lords, and that nine other Lords then present did dissent from it, so that it may well be hoped when both Houses shall meet again, that the good propositions and preparations in the House of Commons,

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for preventing the like Grievances, and reforming the disorders and abuses in matters of Religion, may be brought to perfection; wherefore they expect that the Commons of this Realm do in the mean time quietly attend the Reformation intended, without any tumultuous disturbance of the worship of God and peace of the Kingdom.

Resolved upon the Question,
That this Declaration shall be forthwith
Printed and Published.



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